

Remarks

The applicant has conducted an in person interview at the US PTO on March 24, 2009. Claim 20 has been amended in accordance with that interview to further clarify that the single piece material section which forms the hip belt clearly forms the entire hip belt. This has been effected by specifying that the single piece material section extends on both side regions of the rear part. Claim 20 has also been amended to further clarify that an entire edge region of the composite (the overlap area of the single piece material section and the main diaper section) is free of glue.

Claims 32 and 40 have been deleted.

The benefits of having the single piece material section forming the hip belt were discussed in the in person interview and are given on page 3, second paragraph of the specification as well as on pages 7 and 8 of the response filed on February 2, 2009, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

The applicant requests reconsideration and passage to issuance. No new matter has been added to this amendment.

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